

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Charlie Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Hughes asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Role Call; Council President Levi Elder, Councilors Jody Crouch, Kelma Burch, Tammie Meyer-Givens, City Attorney Becky Faurot, City Superintendent Joel Landis Also in attendance were Liz Gould and Greg Graff. Tyrrell Tankersley was absent.

The Mayor opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burch moved Givens seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Crouch moved, Elder seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Faurot discussed district and municipal court guidelines with council. After discussion, it was agreed by council to use City Hall to conduct municipal court. Municipal court will commence Wednesday, June 3 at 5:00 pm.

Tyrrell Tankersley entered the meeting at 6:34 pm.

City Attorney Faurot opened discussion on building permits, fees and fencing. (Code: Section 903-Fencing and Section 1105-Building Permits Required) Council instructed Faurot to change code to read that a building permit will be required when replacing an existing fence. The building permit fee will be waived for the replacement of a fence in the same location with the same materials and dimensions.

Dangerous structures have been put on hold due to COVID-19. Council directs City Hall to move forward with the next step on the Dangerous Structures Checklist for 211 S. 7th Street and 309 S. 3rd Street. Council directs City Hall to begin the Dangerous Structure Checklist for the shed located at 312 W. M Street.

Council Member Crouch inquired about the Northwest Kansas Environmental Services. City Attorney reported that she understands that the County Commissioners quit using Northwest Kansas Environmental services in the past because they used a local employee to provide the same services. The county official will follow up on the situation if appropriate.

Governor Kelly lifted the hold on disconnection of utilities as of May 31, 2020. On June 25, 2020, the City of Leoti will resume water disconnection if accounts are not paid in full or a payment plan is set up. Customers who have past due accounts have been contacted and were given options on ways to bring accounts current.

Mayor Hughes opened the floor to the public comments. No public comments

City Attorney Faurot left the meeting at 7:00 pm

City Treasurer Liz Gould presented the CD bids from Western State and Security State Bank.

City Superintendent Landis reported that the old water tower was inspected. B & H Paving has completed chip sealing of the southeast quadrant. Landis discussed ideas on how to fix the fire hydrant in the southeast quadrant.

City Clerk Hassell reported the office doors are now open to the public as of June 1. Hassell shared new information on summer cinema with council. The Christmas decorations arrived last week.

Elder moved, Burch seconded to approve City Clerk Hassell to register for upcoming online classes to work towards certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hughes expressed concerns of the trash dumpster at Green Plains Cattle Co. Hughes suggested the city ask Green Plains to put their trash dumpsters on a cement or flat foundation. The dumpsters are hard to move in the dirt/mud. City Hall will contact Green Plains Cattle Company to come up with a solution.

Mayor Hughes and City Clerk Hassell asked council for suggestions on new members to add to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Hughes appointed Blaine Medina, Buck Bishop, Greg Graff and Autumn Ames to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Hassell will set up a meeting for the committee to meet.

Greg Graff and Liz Gould left the meeting at 7:15 pm

Crouch moved, Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving a city employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:25 pm. Crouch moved, Burch seconded to give said employee, said pay increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Landis left the meeting at 7:26 pm

Crouch moved, Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss a matter involving a city employee evaluation for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:38 pm. No action was taken.

Crouch moved Givens seconded for adjournment at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Charlie Hughes



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

